

# State of Louisiana



*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of six years less than women with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and
- WHEREAS,** educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and
- WHEREAS,** men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and
- WHEREAS,** the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, prostate, testicular, and colon cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of this state are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the week leading up to and including Father's Day, June 14-20, 2004, as

### MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

in the state of Louisiana, and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.



*The Governor*  
*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 27th day of May  
A.D., 2004.*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana